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SUBJECT: RADIO FREE EUROPE

EUR/EE FOR AMBASSADOR HERZ; USIA FOR IEE, IOP

REF: A) SOFIA 977; B) MUNICH 932

1. THIRD PROGRAM IN BULGARIAN TELEVISION (BTV) SERIES ON RFE WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO RFE-CIA CONNECTIONS. ALLEGEDLY QUOTING FROM U.S. SOURCES, INCLUDING NEW YORK TIMES AND REPORT BY LIBRARY OF CONGRESS RESEARCHER JAMES PRICE, ASSERTEDLY DONE AT REQUEST OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, PROGRAM STRONGLY IMPLIED -- BUT NEVER EXPLICITLY STATED -- RFE CONTINUES TO OPERATE WITH FUNDS FROM AND UNDER SUPERVISION OF CIA. IN ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS LINE, PROGRAM STATED, "JAMES PRICE LEARNED THAT CONSULTATIONS AND CONTACTS WITH U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AND CIA ARE ONE OF MAIN FUNCTIONS OF 'FREE EUROPE, INC.' HEADQUARTERS". STATION ALSO WAS CALLED "RADIO STATION 'FREE EUROPE' OF CIA".

2. FOURTH PROGRAM WAS DEVOTED TO PANNEL DISCUSSION AMONG "EMINENT SCIENTISTS AND PUBLIC FIGURES". THESE INCLUDED PROF. GERGIN GERGINOV, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF

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INSTITUTE FOR CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL THEORIES; IVAN DONEV,

DEPUTY CHIEF EDITOR OF PARTY ORGAN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO"
AND MEMBER OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE BUREAU FOR EUROPEAN
SECURITY AND COOPERATION; DOCENT GEORGI STEFANOV OF
FOREIGN POLICY INSTITUTE "IVAN BASHEV"; STELLA AVISHAY,
CHIEF OF UNNAMED DEPARTMENT AT INSTITUTE FOR CONTEMPORARY
SOCIAL THEORIES; AND DOCENT GEORGI DIMITROV, DEPUTY CHIEF
OF UNNAMED DEPARTMENT AT SAME INSTITUTE. ALL TOOK EX-
PECTED LINES IN SEEING RFE AS RELIC OF COLD WAR, IMPEDIMENT
TO EUROPEAN SECURITY AND COOPERATION, TOOL OF CIA AND
ANTI-DETENTE FORCES, ETC.

3. REFTEL B: WE HAVE NO TAPE DUPLICATION FACILITIES.
ASSUMING RFE DOES AND IN ABSENCE OF OTHER PREFERENCES
FROM WASHINGTON, WE WILL SEND CASSETTE TAPES TO MUNICH
FOR DUPLICATION AND FORWARDING OF DUPLICATES TO
WASHINGTON ADDRESSEES AND OURSELVES. HOWEVER, RECORDER
MALFUNCTION CAUSED PROBLEMS WITH TAPE SPEED FOR FOURTH
PROGRAM.
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